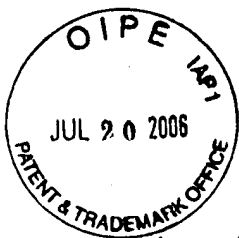


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Docket No. K20606 US (C038435/0173527)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hans-Peter HOHMANN *et al.*) Examiner: Chih Min Kam
Serial No.: 10/681,086) Art Unit: 1656
Filed: October 8, 2003)
For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A**)
TARGET FERMENTATION)
PRODUCT)

New York, New York
July 17, 2006

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before July 17, 2006. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Application No.: 10/681,086
Amendment Dated: July 17, 2006
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Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this Response, and contain a complete listing of the claims as required.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.